

**PIMA COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL  
2502 N. Dodge Blvd., Ste 190  
Tucson, Arizona 85716  
November 27, 2007  
Minutes (approved as corrected 12/18/07)**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ken Karrels  
John S O'Dowd  
Elizabeth Edwards  
Mary Wetzel  
Ellie Schorr  
Joe Mucenski  
Charlie Arbaugh  
Lanice Ameling  
Susan Hyder

**Committee Members Absent:**

Dave Ruitenber

**ADVISORS PRESENT:**

Karen Smith, ADHS HRC Coordinator  
Yisel Sanchez, ADHS Ad. Assistant

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Barbara  
Karol  
Willa

Issue	Discussion	Action/Outcomes	Responsible Party(ies)	Date Due
<b>Review of minutes from 10/23/07 meeting</b>	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007 Minutes	A motion was made to accept the minutes with minor changes. Changes made to page 5 column 3 reword sentence. Motion passed unanimously	Joe Mucenski moved and John O'Dowd seconded.	N/A
<b>Announcements</b>	Annual Meeting to take place on Jan.26 <sup>th</sup> from 9-1. Joe currently working on location of meeting.	Committee will discuss Planning, Trending, Investigations, and Special Assistance Training at Annual Meeting.	Committee Members  Karen to see if Cheryl will be available to present on 1/26..	12/18/07
<b>Public Comment</b>	Joe introduced Willa C. who stated she was a member of the AzSHHRC. She indicated she would be interested in joining the PCHRC	Committee noted that she would follow the established internal process (as identified in the PCHRC Guidelines) to be approved for and appointed to the PCHRC.	N/A	

<b>DBHS Report: Karen</b>	<p>Possibility that Eddy Broadway will attend Dec. HRC meeting.</p> <p>Pima County I/A, S/R form to be signed by HRC member who is requesting the information and Ken Karrels. The OGA will then be able to direct responses to the person requesting the information; however, these letters will still be mailed to Ken's address...</p> <p>Committee needs to request a date for Special Assistant Training.</p>	<p>Committee will review and discuss form at Dec 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p>Karen will follow up with OHR to determine if Cheryl is available on date chosen.</p>	Karen	12/18/07
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<b>Elizabeth- I/A &amp; S/R Reports</b>	<p>Quarterly Reports received from CPSA.</p> <p>The slate of officers for next two years is:  . Ken Karrels -Chair,  Joe Mucenski- Vice Chair  Ellie Schorr- Vice Chair</p> <p>Elizabeth reminded the committee that in order to complete the election of officers in December it would be necessary to have a quorum. .</p>	Reports will be copied and distributed in Dec meeting.	Elizabeth	<p>TBD</p> <p>12/18/07</p>
<b>M&amp;M Reports</b>	John requested this agenda item be tabled until the 12/18/07 meeting...		John	12/18/07
<b>Center for Dis. Law</b>	Reported that jail investigation is ongoing.		Michele	

	<p>also mentioned that policy practice will change within the jail.</p> <p>Committee talked about Sr. coalition/alliance issues and how to improve issues*.</p> <p>Discussion followed.</p>	<p>*this statement was unclear on the tape/please correct as needed.</p>		
<b>SAMHC</b>	<p>SAMHC Crisis Services Report was provided to all present. Discussion followed regarding report.</p> <p>Carole noted that it is her understanding that the Phone Crisis system will be changing as of Jan 1. Discussion followed regarding the fact that she has not been provided any policies/procedures regarding this change.</p> <p>Tour of facility available following meeting.</p>	<p>John concerned with report that crisis system will change and Carole the director has no idea with what's going to happen. Other committee members concurred with this concern.</p>	<p>Carole Little</p> <p>John (see CPSA section)</p>	
<b>Ethics Training/ Palo Verde</b>	<p>Ken spoke to Governors assistant regarding "migration" that is Pima HRC members having to travel to Phoenix for Ethics training. Ken said that the staff he spoke to agree that video conference or computer proficiency training</p>		Ken	

	<p>could/should be options. He expects to receive a written response regarding the resolution proposed by the Gov's. Office.</p> <p>Ken spoke to Johnny Golden regarding the Seclusion and Restraint violations at Palo Verde hospital.</p> <p>Ken also contacted Eddy Broadway and he will also do some research and provide information at next meeting if possible.</p> <p>Discussion followed</p>			12/18/07
<b>CPSA Trends/Reports Housing, Consumer Issues, Case Management Loads, Room/Board, Utilization Review, New programs</b>	<p>Palo Verde- Noel spoke to someone at Behavioral Health licensure. This person concluded from the information available to BHL that there were no rights violations in the incidents at Palo Verde.</p> <p>Surveyor on-call states the written report is available to public in Phoenix.</p> <p>There are no outstanding or pending S/R.</p>	<p>Committee requested further investigation with Palo Verde, outcome to be reported at Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>John requested that a letter be sent to Neal Cash requesting investigations for all consumers that were at the facility between specific days. Ask that report be done by Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Committee asked why turn around time on getting reports back is about 6 month. Investigations only average a paragraph, is this right.</p> <p>Committee asked what RHBA responsibilities are when responding to</p>	Noel Gonzalez	12/18/07

		<p>Committee's request for investigations</p> <p>John will draft a letter requesting information regarding plan for transitioning Crisis phone system/and follow up to Palo Verde Seclusion and Restraint issues.</p>	John	TBD
<b>Upcoming Meeting</b>	Next Meeting Date December 18th, 2007	Adjournment 1:00 PM	Joe Mucenski moved and John O'Dowd seconded.	